



Stormwater Matters

City of New Albany

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Program Statistic Estimates

Jun-Sept/2007

Maintenance projects completed	123/300
Catch basins cleaned	305/727
Material collected from catch basins & drains (tons)	27.1/53.0
Material dredged from ditches (tons)	27.4/41.9
Estimated linear feet of ditch/pipe cleaned or repaired	5,047/14,119
Material collected from street sweeping (tons)	203.1/550.9
Yard Waste Collected (tons)	71.8/236.1
Construction sites permitted	3/14
Illicit discharges eliminated	8/23
Capital projects (2007 Year to Date)	\$310,680
Flood insurance policies (as of October 1, 2007)	160

Board Meetings will be held Friday November 9, 2007 and December 21, 2007. Both meetings will begin at 10 a.m. in the City-County Building, 3rd Floor Assembly Room, 311 West 1st Street, New Albany. The November meeting will be preceded by a Stormwater Board Budget Workshop at 9:30 a.m.

Stormwater Utility Hires New Employees

After the long summer, and in preparation for the fall rains, seven new employees were hired to assist the New Albany Stormwater Utility. The new employees include Tom Cannon, Chuck Calwell, Chaz McGee, Robert Cobb, Eric Shoemaker and Tina Haley. Jerry Taylor, Stormwater Manager, will continue to oversee the operations.

One team will service mainly ditch cleaning while the other team will focus on catch basin and storm line cleaning. Now all of the field crews will have commercial drivers licenses allowing flexibility and timely response to emergency repairs.

The new crew members have been busy around the



New members of the New Albany Stormwater Utility Working to Improve Drainage

community. Some of their most recent endeavors include, clearing stream obstructions behind Colonial Manor Shopping Center on Charlestown Road. You may have seen members of the crew repairing a storm line joint near Genung Drive, using the Jet Vac on Spring Street where 1000 feet of storm line were televised and 507 feet of storm line were cleaned, or cleaning the creek near Griffin Street to improve drainage for the residents of the West End of New Albany.

The Stormwater Utility also assisted with preparation for Harvest Homecoming by cleaning catch basins along the parade route.

Isn't My Stormwater Treated?

It is a common misconception that once stormwater runoff enters a storm drain that it flows to the nearest treatment plant. This assumption would imply that stormwater runoff does not degrade water quality in our streams and waterways. However, this is not the case. Stormwater runoff travels through the storm sewer system via channels and pipes and drains, untreated in our creeks and streams. When left uncontrolled, water pollution can result in the destruction of fish and wildlife habitat, loss in aesthetic value, threats to public health,

and decreased quality of life. Stormwater can carry and deposit things like leaves, fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste, construction site runoff (which includes sediment), and other harmful urban runoff pollutants.

The City recognizes the need for a direct point of education to illustrate that the City's stormwater is not treated. Several stormwater inlets in the City have been stenciled to remind

residents of New Albany that anything left on the ground will eventually end up in local streams and tributaries.



Existing Catch Basin Stencil



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Did You Know?

Why is a stormwater program in New Albany necessary?

Since the enactment of the Clean Water Act by the U.S. Congress in 1972, local and state governments have worked with industries and wastewater treatment plants to reduce pollution and improve the quality of receiving streams. While the end-of-pipe pollution sources were reduced, it became apparent that other types of pollutants were having significant impact on the quality of waterways. These nonpoint pollution sources (NPS) include urban runoff (sediment, fertilizers, and pesticides), construction site runoff, and mining. To address these NPS of pollution, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and IDEM initiated the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I and Phase II stormwater programs. As required by state regulators, New Albany began participating in this program in 2003 and as a result of this unfunded Federal and State mandate is required to finance permit requirements.

What is required of the City's stormwater program?

The city is required to develop, submit, and implement a Stormwater Quality Management Plan (SWQMP) that identifies activities the City will

perform to benefit water quality. This plan was submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in May of 2005. The City is currently developing strategies for implementing and financing the SWQMP and other stormwater community needs.

What is included in the City's Stormwater Quality Management Plan (SWQMP)?

There are six areas that must be addressed in the SWQMP:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Participation/Involvement
3. Illicit (Illegal) Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Site Runoff Control
6. Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

What happens if the City of New Albany does not comply with Federal and State stormwater laws?

The Federal and State regulators are authorized to issue agreed orders, commissioner orders to cease and desist and civil penalties up to \$32,500 per day per violation.

Learn More About Your Stormwater

To obtain more information on stormwater in New Albany, visit www.newalbanystormwater.org. Since this webpage was made publicly available in May 2006, it has been visited 12,180 times. It is a good source to obtain additional stormwater educational materials, updates on the New Albany Stormwater Board, and to test stormwater knowledge by completing a survey.